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March 7, 2005

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' (AMBAG) 2004/5-2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
4	<p><b>State, Local and Transit Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adds, modifies or deletes various projects from various funding programs in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Surface Transportation Program (STP), National Highway System (NHS), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program, Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5307 and 5309 programs. The amendment also modifies programming per available HBRR revenues. See enclosure.</li></ul>

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 4 for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years beyond the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only.

The changes being proposed in this amendment have been found by AMBAG to not require a conformity analysis or determination. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and

submitted by the AMBAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. AMBAG prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a stylized flourish at the end.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Nicholas Papadakis - Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- Todd Muck - Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans